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RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION: EFFECTIVE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION THROUGH AUTONOMY

Report of the Third Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

"Right of peoples to self-determination

"(b) Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 21st, 22nd, 25th, 30th and 32nd meetings, on 2, 3, 8, 11 and 12 November 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/48/SR.21, 22, 25, 30 and 32).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it letters dated 16 July and 28 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/147 and Add.1).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.3/48/L.17

4. At the 25th meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Liechtenstein, on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Costa Rica, Estonia, Liechtenstein, Nigeria, Poland, Ukraine, Uruguay and Vanuatu, introduced a draft decision entitled "Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy" (A/C.3/48/L.17).

5. At the 30th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, as well as China, introduced an amendment to the draft decision (A/C.3/48/L.25), by which the words

> "to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session, under the item entitled 'Right of peoples to self-determination', a sub-item entitled 'Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy'"

would be replaced by the words "to defer consideration of the sub-item to one of its future sessions".

6. At the 32nd meeting, on 12 November, the representatives of Nigeria, Poland and Ukraine withdrew their sponsorship of the draft decision.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Vanuatu stated that it had not been his intention to sponsor the draft decision.

8. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Liechtenstein made a statement in connection with the amendment (see A/C.3/48/SR.32), after which the Committee adopted the amendment.

9. After the adoption of the amendment, statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Costa Rica and Uruguay.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as amended (see para. 11).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, having noted with interest the debate on the sub-item entitled "Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy" at its forty-eighth session, decides to defer consideration of the sub-item to one of its future sessions.